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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A contact zone of a quenching chamber which is arranged symmetrically about a central axis of the chamber and is filled with an insulating medium, having at least two stationary consumable contacts which are in the form of contact rings and which, when the quenching chamber is closed, are electrically conductively connected by means of a bridging contact which is arranged centrally and can move axially and having electrically insulating covers, which at least partially cover mutually facing end surfaces,

wherein a wedge-shaped annular gap, which is open in the radial direction and originates from contact-making edges of the insulating covers, is provided between a contact-making surface and an insulating cover and

wherein the edges are dielectrically shielded by means of an annular bead which projects beyond the contact-making surface,

said insulating cover having a cross section in a region where it covers the contact-making surface, and

an elastic projection is formed as a rim on the outside of said cross section and extends in the axial direction.